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New at the Celery Bog. Take in the dramatic vista from the newly installed viewing platform at the Celery Bog, pictured above. It takes you a step above nature for a wider perspective of our lush countryside. For the young ones who need to use up some energy, near Lilly Nature Center we've added two large play-ground-style cattails to climb and ride (photo, top right).

Greener Still. Four new Adopt-a-Spots and hundreds of new trees, shrubs and plants are greening up West Lafayette. Trees went in on Kalberer Road. Shrub roses were planted in medians. And the Parks and Recreation Department has used all of a \$100,000 grant to develop a trailside park and landscape the Wabash Heritage Trail along North River Road near Harrison Bridge. Clearly Organized, Cline Chiropractic, Spencer Chiropractic, and Purdue Health and Kinesiology are sponsoring Nighthawk Drive Adopt-a-Spots.

Welcome, New Residents. August brings new residents to town, and we welcome every one of you! To learn more about West Lafayette services, stop by or call City Hall, 609 W. Navajo, 775-5100, for our *City Services* brochure. We also welcome those who've long had a West Lafayette address, and now are officially city residents with annexation of areas to the north.

www.city.west-lafayette.in.us. Check in often—news is posted on the city's website.

CITY, PURDUE TEAM UP AT RESEARCH PARK

What was once a hayfield is now sprouting scientific advancements, medical breakthroughs and technological wonders. The site: West Lafayette's Purdue Research Park, today covering 200 acres, with another 150 slated for development next and 250 beyond that also available.

Hotbed for Business

With more than 140 companies today—90 of them technology-related—employing nearly 2,500 people, the state's first Certified Technology Park is a hotbed of business activity. "Like the village raising its children together, growing the park and its companies takes a team," says West Lafayette mayor Jan Mills. She and the city's development staff meet at least monthly with staff from Purdue Research Foundation, park owner.

"We talk about how we can work jointly on projects that will benefit the community and the Research Park," says Greg Deason, PRF vice president of real estate and research park development.

PRF, City Partners in Success

"We've worked in partnership," says city development director Josh Andrew. "We've worked on abatements together, put in streets and paid our share for lighting. The field is now seeding a new generation of discovery and enterprise."

"The city has been extremely instrumental in helping us recruit clients like Butler International," Deason says. "That sent a huge message about how serious West Lafayette is about economic development."

"We partnered well with the city for infrastructure for Phase II, and the trails, too, have added a vibrancy and connectedness to the surrounding community. The city's efforts have enabled us to attract high quality clients to the Research Park. It's a great relationship."

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YOUR CITY AT WORK

Police Training. Gang prevention, domestic violence intervention, adult protective services, drug recognition, hazardous materials and ethics are among the training tackled by West Lafayette's 45-member police force so far this year. "Citizens benefit by getting a more well-rounded, diverse officer who is skilled beyond typical patrolling," says deputy chief John Walker. Each officer is required to complete at least 16 hours of training annually.

Sagamore West. Spruce-ups continue along Sagamore West, where installation of new light poles began in June, a plus for pedestrian safety, and new banners will debut. The Northwest Greenway Trail now reaches Sagamore Shopping Center, giving Plaza Park and retirement home residents easy pedestrian access. This fall, midway landscaping goes in. New businesses include Camille's Sidewalk Cafe, Jos. A. Bank Clothiers and West Lafayette Chiropractic Center.

Financial Awards. For the ninth consecutive year West Lafayette has earned the prestigious Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting and clerk-treasurer Judy Rhodes, primarily responsible for preparing the report, has received the Financial Reporting Achievement Award. Both come from the Government Finance Officers Association, after two independent reviews. The awards improve the city's standing in the financial markets, attracting favorable loan terms. "It's a source of pride that we have achieved the highest level of financial reporting and maintain West Lafayette's national ranking," Rhodes says.

City Hall Enhancements. City Hall's new Salisbury Street parking lot will soon connect to the main lot with a sidewalk and landscaping meeting the city's greenspace ordinance. Design work is underway by local company TBIRD Design Services Corp. Inside City Hall, lower level renovations in what used to be the Police Department are providing additional meeting room space, storage and an employee break area.

River Corridor Plans. The Wabash River Enhancement Corp., a nonprofit formed with NCHS funding to develop the Wabash River corridor, has been meeting with city and community leaders this summer to develop a strategic plan. "It will map out how to implement a corridor enhancement master plan and identify policies, procedures and zoning requirements," says executive director Stanton Lambert. "The complexity of the project—politically multi-jurisdictional and geographically extensive—dictate the need for a long-term, flexible, community-based approach." Work will eventually include Carroll, Fountain and Warren counties. West Lafayette mayor Jan Mills is a member of the board.

Morton Grants. Grants from Greater Lafayette Community Foundation and NCHS, through its Tippecanoe Arts Federation grant program, funded new ceiling tiles for Morton Community Center, installed this summer.



Fire Station No. 1 as it looked in 1917.

RENOVATING FIRE STATION

When they're not responding to emergencies, firefighters at Fire Station No. 1, 300 North St., have been renovating the two-story, 8,800-square-foot station built in the early 1900s. Scraping paint to restore the original oak trim, upgrading electrical and plumbing systems, and repairing plaster walls are among their tasks.

"Several of our firefighters have construction skills and have volunteered to use them on this project," says fire chief Phil Drew. "This has allowed us to do far more than we would otherwise have been able to afford."

Most of the work is on the second floor, housing the kitchen, living and sleeping areas.

"The last two tasks will be to reinstall the pole with modern safety upgrades and create a history corner where pictures and other items of the station and department can be displayed," Drew says.

The station is staffed by four and equipped with pumper and foam/utility trucks.



City Hall's lower level now has meeting, storage and employee break space.

PUBLIC BENEFITS FROM PUBLIC WORKS

Street Work on Track. Progress continues on installation of a new retaining wall, sidewalks, curbs and other safety features along Salisbury, reports engineer David Buck.

New Street Sweeper. After tirelessly covering city streets since 1994, a "very worn out sweeper" is being replaced with a \$125,455 new sweeper, reports Donna VanMeter, Street and Sanitation foreman. "It will help us keep the streets cleaner and cover the entire city at a faster pace."

Tapawingo Fountain, Landscaping. A fountain 24 feet in diameter, with night lighting, is splashing its way into Tapawingo Park at the entrance to the pedestrian bridge. Its center plume is surrounded by shorter water bursts. Improvements also include four planters.

Purdue Transportation Plan. Work to implement a multi-phase plan to improve campus-area transportation over the next 25 years is getting underway, reports city engineer David Buck. First up: improvement designs for Williams, Harrison, Grant and Chauncey to include various lane, turn lane, bike lane, signal and parking additions, slated to begin mid-2009. Next: State, Northwestern, Wood, Grant and more Chauncey work, for 2009/2010. "Some roads will change how they function, so this gives Purdue and the city an opportunity to make them better," Buck says.

Diversity Banner Winners. Winners of the Human Relations Commission's "Valuing Differences" art contest this spring were: 8th grader Tracey Jen, first; 10th grader Avanti Puri, second; and 9th grader Joe Wang, third—all at West Lafayette Junior/Senior High.

Beautification Awards. These yummy yards recently won city awards: State Farm Insurance, Purdue Research Park, where 18 percent of its 26 acres is landscaped; Lisa Pantea and Dan



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Lybrook, 849 Salisbury; and Sharon Dull, 334 Leslie. Send your nominations to Beautification Committee, c/o Beverly Shaw, City Hall bshaw@city.west-lafayette.in.us.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT UPGRADES

Projects are underway to improve West Lafayette's Wastewater Treatment Utility.

Nearly \$1 million from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will help fund lift station replacement in Barberry Heights and Green Meadows and provide funding for future projects, reports operations supervisor D. Adam Downey.

This is a 55-percent federal/45-percent local matching grant. "It includes backup power sources and eliminates confined-space safety issues for employees," Downey says.

Another project, upgrading and improving treatment in the plant digesters—the final step in treating processed waste before it's applied as land fertilizer—will help the city save energy and costs.

This project will include a backup generator to power the plant if local service is lost and a co-generation unit to lower the local power system's daily demand.

Installation of a grease receiving station is also planned. The fee-based station will offer a disposal option for processing waste grease from food processors and restaurants, keeping grease out of the collection system and helping eliminate sewer overflows.

The \$9.4 million digester upgrade and grease station project will be funded by a 20-year state revolving loan fund.

Engineers estimate the project will realize a \$9 million positive financial impact over the next 20 years.



Salisbury Street work is progressing, with new sidewalks, curbs, retaining wall and universal access.



The Tapawingo Park fountain is on track for late summer opening.



New street sweeper arrives this fall.



JOIN US FOR MEET-AND-GREET, FESTIVALS

Welcome newcomers, celebrate our diversity and enjoy art:

Meet-and-Greet

Saturday, August 26

10:30 a.m.

Morton Community Center parking lot

Welcome new residents by distributing city and Purdue information. Cover your block or others; the Purdue and West Lafayette Community Partnership teams will have maps and materials.

Global Fest

Saturday, September 2

10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Morton Community Center

Sample the world at cultural booths, entertainment stages and food vendors at the 12th annual Global Fest. Entertainers include Oasis

Middle Eastern Dance Troupe, Purdue Tango Club and more.

Participate in a Japanese Tea Ceremony, watch an egg painting demonstration and learn about Indian classical music, all while enjoying international taste treats.

Art on the Wabash

Sunday, September 24

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tapawingo Park



The city and our Parks and Recreation Department are hosting the first annual Art on the Wabash, a juried fine art show open to artists from 14 counties. It's free to attend; art will be available to purchase.

KitchenArt is sponsoring the event; Tippecanoe Arts Federation is providing assistance.

Enjoy international foods, crafts and entertainment at Global Fest September 2.

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